

CDP Link with Charles D. Phillips details from Ron Brown.

On one of my searches for perfin, or perfin related items, I came across a bank draft, with date 7-9-04 perforated through the draft. On closer examination I noticed the EVII 1d stamp used as an encashment receipt had the perfin CDP (C.2130.01 in Edwards) which is identified in Tomkins for Charles D. Phillips. So what! you may say; but the interesting point for the perfin collector was that the draft was made out to Charles D. Phillips and the CDP perfin was cancelled by the signature "Charles D. Phillips".

The draft came from the FISHGUARD & ROSSLARE RAILWAY & HARBOURS COMPANY whose bank was Messrs Glyn Mills, Currie & Co. The bank which remitted the cash was Metropolitan Bank of Newport, Mon.

A second draft was in the vendors box, dated 21st Sept 1904. This too was from the Fishguard & Rosslare Railways & Harbours Company and made out to a James Ottway. This 1d EVII stamp used as the encashment receipt had the perfin GS/WR (Die 3) (W.4870.03 in Edwards). This draft was remitted by the Bank of Ireland at Waterford.

To say I was surprised when I came to study these two items would be an understatement, but this find typifies the fascination of our hobby. It pays to examine every perfin item very carefully.

(In Ron Bowman's book "Railway Perfins of Great Britain", it says, "The new harbour and station at Rosslare opened in 1906 to accommodate the Fishguard to Rosslare route to Ireland which began operations on August 30th of that year".

The Fishguard & Rosslare Railways & Harbour Company became part of the Great Southern and Western Railway, but I have no date to hand of this incorporation. Ed. - M.R.S.)

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